

# Harrington Park Environmental Commission

## June 5, 2018 7:30 pm Meeting Minutes

***Peter Ardito opened the meeting at 7:30 with the following announcement: In compliance with Chapter 231, Public Law 1975, adequate notice of this meeting was made. It was included in the 2018 annual notice posted in the Borough Hall. Copies have been mailed to THE RECORD, NORTHERN VALLEY PRESS, and the NORTH JERSEY SUBURBANITE. A copy has been filed with the Borough Clerk, and copies have been mailed to individuals requesting the same.***

Roll Call:	Peter Ardito-present	Genevieve Tarino-absent
	Mary Ann Schran-present	Laura Fitzgerald-absent
	Anne Lander-present	Theresa Hazelton-present
	Meredith Budinich-present at 7:37	

**Minutes of May 2, 2018:** Theresa moved to approve, second Anne.

Peter-yes	Meredith-yes
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Mary Ann-abstain                      Anne-yes

Theresa-yes

**Treasury Report as of 1/31/18:**

Tree Bank	\$6772.23
Green Team	\$1421.19
Environmental Commission from Borough Budget	\$500

**Green Team Portion of Meeting:** Mary Ann submitted the Sustainable Jersey application. All EC members will try to do their parts when the application opens in July. Marti will nudge everyone to get everything done in July/August. Town Day is September 8. We will plan a fall cleanup. For the July Agenda: Should the HPEC join the NE Earth Fair?

**May 3 Eighth Grade Cleanup update:** 74 students and a couple of parents collected 20+ bags of garbage at HP School and George Street Park. The kids had a blast. There were conversations about sustainability. This should be done again.

## Old Business

-Allegro (Solar/Building colors): Allegro is asking for some changes, such as suites on the top floor. The resolution asks for neutral colors, and tan seems ok, but black and white seem too aggressive and pop too much. Maybe this could be cream? Allegro also wants a carport. Peter would like to put solar panels on it.

-20 Pascack update (building size, trees, impervious/pervious coverage)

-Harriot tree stumps x 10 (pix/address supplied to County): Peter called Rockland Electric. They said that removing the stumps is the County's responsibility, which will save about \$6,000. This will be done and the holes filled before school starts. Peter supplied pictures and house numbers.

-Suez (still waiting for a meeting): Peter calls every 3 weeks.

### **New Business**

-Stormwater management course (as it relates to 20 Pascack): Peter took the course online. The state is pushing for management of water and pervious areas. Peter will also.

-Red bud trees offered by River Edge (meeting with Mayor and DPW, asking for 20-25): red buds are native; these may be 3 caliber. Peter has called about them. The one live tree in the tree bank will replace the dead tree near the Highland bench.

-Replacing tree at Highland Field bench and on Highland Ave: see just above.

-Working with Rockland Electric about more efficient LED pole lighting

-Meeting with Dr. Fried and Suellen on Thurs, Re: school safety rocks at school sports field: On 6/7, Peter will meet with Suellen and Dr. Fried. Dr. Fried wants a safety border around the field, boulders as at Highland. Suellen and Joon want the same thing between Tappan Road and the parking lot (at Highland). Peter would like to intermix bushes and boulders at school.

-Suellen and Joon asking for rocks along Tappan Road strip that runs along parking at Highland: see just above.

### **New Business**

Peter took the bloodborne pathogens course: don't pick up syringes; always use gloves; be cautious about piles of leaves; don't touch blood.

Theresa reported that tree roots are becoming exposed at George Street Park and wondered when park or rec adds soil. Peter would like to bring to M&C. Theresa will send a letter to Marti who will CC Ann Bistriz.

Peter is trying to learn from Rockland Electric about more efficient light bulbs.

Mary Ann recommended that a resolution be made according to the decision made at the previous meeting, that an ordinance be created requiring a tree be replaced by a like tree when cut down in the right of way.

**Adjournment—Next scheduled meeting July 11, 2018:** Mary Ann moved to adjourn, second Theresa. Meeting adjourned at 9:03 pm.